

SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

Class Title: **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

Jurisdictional Class: **Competitive; Non-Competitive (p.t.)**
Date Adopted: **Unknown**
Date Revised: **6/2/80; 7/20/00; 12/09/08**
Jurisdictions: **County**
Union Status: **CSEA**
Pay Grade: **18**

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This class requires the performance of public health nursing activities involving responsibility for the assessment of health needs and developing the plan of care for individuals and families. The work is distinguished by the responsibility of the incumbent for initial implementation of nursing care plans and providing nursing care. Work is performed under the supervision of a supervisory level Public Health Nurse. Supervision is exercised over Registered Professional Nurses and staff assigned to carry out the plans of care. The Incumbent is also responsible for periodic reevaluation of individual and family nursing needs; does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Gives skilled nursing care and prescribed treatments to patients in their homes and clinics and demonstrates nursing care to patients and families;
May lead a team of peers and subordinates providing nursing care and evaluates the effectiveness of team activities; May perform duties such as pediatric nurse or family nurse practitioner;
May provide for the continuity of patient care by promoting referral of hospital and clinic patients to appropriate community agencies;
Coordinates plans for service with nutritionists, social workers, physical therapists, physicians and other professional workers concerned with individual and family health care;
Counsels and guides individuals and families towards self-help in recognition and solution of physical, emotional and environmental health problems; Provides nursing services in clinics and schools;
Teaches classes, addresses groups, and participates in community planning related to nursing and health;
Participates in the conduct of surveys and studies related to health matters; Complies and uses records, reports and statistical information for evaluation and planning of the assigned programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of current public health nursing practice; working knowledge of the administrative organization of community facilities; skill in the application of current nursing procedures and techniques of patient care; ability to plan and coordinate nursing care for individuals, families and groups and supervise nursing personnel assigned to assist with this care; ability to communicate effectively; ability to establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; ability to accept and utilize guidance; ability to perform duties in accordance with ANA Code for Professional Nurses.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- (A) A public health nurse must possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a regionally accredited or New York State-registered college or university, as well as licensure and current registration to practice as a registered professional nurse in New York State.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: This class requires extensive travel. Incumbents will be required to possess a valid, appropriate level, New York State Motor Vehicle operator's license, or otherwise demonstrate the ability to meet the travel needs of the job.

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